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KJIR ~ 2010

Happy New Year

January 2010 ~ This is the year God's will becomes our will. Christ prayed in Gethsemane, not my will but thy will be done. Gethsemane means a place of crushing. Only when the grapes are crushed can they be made into wine. When our will is broken and crushed, then God's will, can flow out of our life. 2010 should be a year of increase on our part. Our prayer is Lord I will pray, give, listen, obey, love, believe, read Your Word, more. In **Luke 13:6-9**, It says, (6) a certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. (7) Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? (8) And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: (9) And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. In this parable we see the landowner wanting fruit on the fig tree that he has on his land. For three years he came to this fig tree and has found no fruit. Cut it down, he told the farmer. The Husbandman said, give me one more year and I'll work with it. A fig tree can have leaves and look good but have no fruit. Looks are deceiving. Many a Christian have leaves but no fruit in their lives. 2010 is the year God, by His Spirit, is going to dig around our roots and (dung) fertilize us one more time. God is going to stretch us or allow us to be stretched that we may bear fruit for the kingdom of God. If you look at a slingshot, it has no power to hit its mark until it is pulled into position – stretched back and then and only then can the target be hit. What about a gun? Only when the trigger is pulled and the rifle cartridge has exploded, when the gun is at its most vulnerable state; that the target can be taken down. A racehorse is just another horse until it is on the racetrack and at its full stride and every muscle working at their full potential; at its most exasperating place, the race can be won. 2010 will be, I believe, one of the most difficult years for us as Christians but only through these difficulties will we come to know true victory and battles won. We never know that Christ is all we need until He is all we have. Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." God knows what it will take to get us to bear fruit.

May the Lord help us to be fruitful in 2010.

In Christ,
Pastor Ken Geisendorfer

A New Year Meditation

What better time and what better season,
What greater occasion or more wonderful reason
To kneel down in prayer and lift our hands high
To the God of creation who made earth and sky,
Who sent us His Son to live here among men
And the message He brought is as true Now as Then ~
So at this glad season when there's joy everywhere
Let us meet our Redeemer at The Altar Of Prayer
Asking Him humbly to bless all of our days
And grant us forgiveness for our erring ways ~
And though we're unworthy, dear Father above,
Accept us today and let us dwell in Thy Love
So we may grow stronger, upheld by Thy grace,
And with Thy assistance be able to face
All the temptations that fill every day,
And hold onto our hands when we stumble and stray~
And thank you, dear God,
For the year that now ends
And for the great blessing
Of loved ones and friends.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15, 16

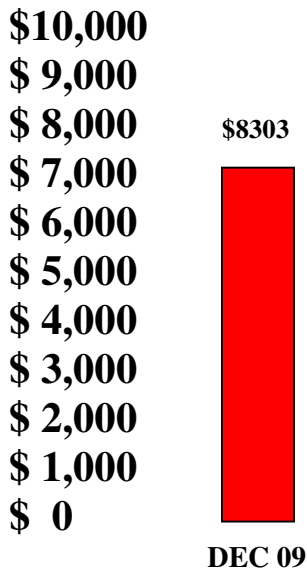


A Blessed Life

When life has lost its luster
And it's filled with dull routine
When you long to run away from it
Seeking pastures new and green
Remember, no one runs away from life
Without finding when they do
You can't escape the thoughts you think
That are pressing down on you
For though the scenery may be different
It's the same old heart and mind
And the same old restless longings
That you tried to leave behind.
So when your heart is heavy
And your day is dull with care
Instead of trying to escape
Why not withdraw to prayer
For in prayer there is renewal
Of the spirit, mind and heart
For everything is lifted up
In which God has a part.

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